

Dragon Digest



USS CHOSIN (CG 65) Family Newsletter

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Written by: ENS Daron Weber

CAPT David Sheridan Takes Helm of USS CHOSIN, Eyes Future

New leader of War Dragon eager for a summer at-sea, drydock after



In this photo: CAPT Sheridan presents OS2 (SW) Noah Nelms with an award (Photo taken by YN1 Wolf)

PEARL HARBOR – Nearly 15 years has passed since CAPT Dave Sheridan was the Combat Systems Officer in USS CHOSIN (CG 65), but for the new commanding officer of War Dragon, the future is what matters.

“It’s a tremendous feeling being back on this great ship,” said Sheridan, who relieved CAPT Tim Smith 18 March 2010. “We have a summer full of underway time to look forward to, as well as prepare for the shipyard after that.”

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"I'm excited for unique challenges and new opportunities not just for myself, but for the entire crew."

Sheridan returns to Pearl Harbor and CHOSIN following a successful tour as Reactor Officer in USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN-74) in Bremerton, Washington. A husband and father of five, Sheridan has settled in as CO of War Dragon and identifies "RIMPAC" and operations with CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ELEVEN this summer as significant events for the ship.

"These aren't just significant operations for 3rd Fleet or even the Navy, but significant for armed forces internationally," continued the Naval Academy grad of '86.

RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) is a biennial large-scale multinational power projection and sea control exercise. It is designed to enhance the tactical capabilities of participating units in major aspects of maritime operations at sea. There are more than 10 participating nations, including Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the United States.

Following operations with the NIMITZ CARRIER STRIKE GROUP, the ship will begin preparations for next year's maintenance period in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. That preparation, explains Sheridan, will be vital to ensuring the same operational standards of excellence that CHOSIN has met and exceeded time and again in the past will be maintained in the future. "Time will go by pretty quickly and we want to make sure we are ready to enter the yards," explained Sheridan. "It will be the mid-life availability for the ship, and it's important that we take this opportunity to fix the ship so that it will last another 15 years. While challenging, it is more than doable because of our capable and willing War Dragon sailors."

CHOSIN is currently moored at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, but will participate in International Fleet Review in Victoria, Canada, while embarking CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ELEVEN in June.

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From the Captain

Dear War Dragon Families and Friends:

This is my first newsletter as the Captain. My wife Amy, my family and I are excited to be with the War Dragon team. I took the reins from Captain Tim Smith on March 18th, the day the ship returned from deployment. After returning from a highly successful, yet long deployment, the crew got a much needed break with the opportunity to take several weeks off to spend time with families and friends.

During April and May, we had the opportunity to make some much needed voyage repairs in order to get the ship ready for our summer operations. We unexpectedly had quite a bit of underway time added to our schedule this summer. The first of which had us traveling to the Pacific Northwest. We were tapped to be the flagship for Rear Admiral Girrier, Commander of Carrier Strike Group 11, for the Canadian Centennial International Fleet Review in Victoria, British Columbia. It was quite the event for the Canadians with ship from six countries present. There were lots of formal events, and some good liberty to be had. The highlights of the week included a pass in review of all the ships at anchor by Canada's Governor General, air power demonstrations, and a spectacular fireworks show over the ships at anchor with the snow-capped Olympic Mountains in the background.

Following the fleet review, CHOSIN continued to serve as the CCSG-11 Flagship for a group of 10 ships from 5 nations that steamed from Victoria to Pearl Harbor in preparation for July's Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise. It was great opportunity to conduct training exercises with ships from coalition nations in advance of RIMPAC. We had lots of shiphandling events that gave us the opportunity to get back in the groove and hone our skills as mariners.

As I mentioned, we have a busy summer schedule that includes RIMPAC in July and training exercises off the West Coast in August. I expect that the ship will make a short visit to San Diego during that timeframe. As it looks now, we should be back in Hawaii by Labor Day Weekend.

Also coming down the line is a planned trip to Kona on the Big Island to support the annual Ironman competition, scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend. We are exploring the option of making our journey to Kona and back a "tiger cruise," where we can bring guests onboard to ride the ship with us. As we sort through the details, I will be sure to get information to you so that you can join your Sailor if able.

Finally, plans are in the works for the command Holiday Party on Friday, December 3rd. So, reserve that date on your social calendars now. Details to follow.

That's it for now. Again, I'm glad to head the War Dragon. The crew is doing great. Thanks for your support to your Sailor – we can't do our jobs without it.

Sincerely,

CAPT Dave Sheridan

XO Introduction

War Dragons and Friends and Family,

I am CDR Karl Tenney and I recently relieved CDR Steven Bienkowski as Executive Officer in CHOSIN. Today I say hello and that I am eager to meet everybody on the ship and their families. It is my honor to take on this role and serve again with the fine crew of War Dragon.

A little about me: I joined the Navy in 1992 and received my commission through the NROTC at Norwich University. For my first tour, I was stationed in USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32) where I served as Electronic Warfare Officer. Most recently, I was assigned to the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, Rhode Island, where I was the Lead Instructor for Maritime Warfighting.

As XO, I intend to have my door open and ears available to any concerns or suggestions you might have to make War Dragon better. As a reminder, even though I am always available, please notify your chain of command before knocking on my door.

We have a busy summer ahead of us as we are participating in RIMPAC followed closely by strike group operations. Although we will be busy, it should be a very enriching experience as we are conducting the world's largest exercise with navies from 14 countries. What typically happens during RIMPAC is some sailors go from ship-to-ship so they can get a firsthand look at how foreign navy's conduct business and operations; see its facilities; as well as experience the various cuisines and living quarters.

Again, I am honored to serve as XO of War Dragon. I have no doubt the crew, Chief's Mess, and Wardroom will continue to uphold the highest standards expected of this fine warship. See you on the deck plates!

“INVICTUS”

Regards,

Karl Tenney, CDR, USN

Executive Officer

CMC's Office

Aloha from the decks of the Mighty War Dragon!!

What a year it has been so far; return to our families on 18 Mar following a tremendous deployment to 5th and 7th Fleet; Change of Command the same day, Captain Sheridan relieved Captain Smith; completed a post deployment maintenance availability with sea trials on 28 May and now into June already! On 1 June, CHOSIN got U/W for Victoria, Canada to participate in the Canadian Navy Centennial celebration and International Fleet Review. CHOSIN spent 9-14 June in CFB Esquimalt participating in celebration events. Canada rolled out the red carpet, allowing us to participate in the 100th birthday of their Navy. Departing on 14 June, USS CHOSIN embarked RDML Girrier, Commander, Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN and staff. In company with CHOSIN enroute back to Pearl Harbor were ships from Canada, Japan, Australia, and France. Many exercises were conducted enhancing the interoperability of our allies.

We conducted a frocking ceremony for 21 Sailors selected for advancement off the March exam on 7 June. Congratulations are in order for FC2 Campbell, FC2 Carlisle, ET2 Christophersen, GM3 Collier, ET3 Dillon, ET3 Etheridge, CS3 Guzman, OS2 Heard, OS2 Jackson, CTT2 Kosovych, FC2 Krysiak, CTM3 Mixon, CS3 Nausler, FC2 Orr, STG2 Pessini, FC2 Robertson, ET2 Robinson, GM3 Schmoker, LS3 Valdez, GM2 Webster, and AO3 Winter.

Welcome aboard to CDR Tenney as CHOSIN's new Executive Officer. CDR Tenney relieved CDR Bienkowski 8 June during a brief stop in Everett, Washington.

Congratulations are in order to USS CHOSIN's Sailor of the Quarter selections for the 2nd quarter calendar year 2010. CTR1(SW) Buchs, EM2(SW) Gerdes, and CTM3(SW) Mixon were selected as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Junior Sailor of the Quarter and Blue Jacket of the Quarter respectively.

CHOSIN has many events scheduled during our short stay in Pearl Harbor over the last week of June. Our biggest event is Supply Management Certification (SMC). The folks from Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific will be onboard going over our logistics management and support areas with a fine tooth comb. The entire command has been supportive and we are ready to put our best foot forward helping them. Along with that, SAR Certification, RIMPAC briefs, gun qualifications, and maintenance repairs will make the short time in port very challenging.

If there are any questions, please feel free to ask or drop me a line. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to serve War Dragon!

Sincerely,

John P. Ullery, Command Master Chief

Written by: ENS Daron Weber

USS CHOSIN Hosts International Dignitaries, Impresses

Warship plays part in international initiative for naval, military, and political networking



In this picture: CAPT Sheridan discusses the bridge to foreign dignitaries. (Photo taken by ENS Crystal Campbell)

PEARL HARBOR – More than 40 senior officers from countries all across the globe converged on Oahu for a five day, multi-base visit that included a tour of USS CHOSIN (CG 65) May 14th.

The dignitaries came away impressed with the exhibition put on by the ship.

“Coming off a challenging and extended deployment like CHOSIN and then hosting an event for VIPs like this is tremendous,” said RDML Jerry Lemmons, OPNAV Director for International Engagement, and one of the dignitaries visiting the ship.

“It’s impressive to see the dynamic nature of warships, not just in their operational tasking, but their role in perpetuating mutually beneficial international relationships as well.”

The guided missile cruiser was deployed from August to this past March, spear-heading air defense operations in the Persian Gulf, as well as conducting anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia with COMSTRIGRU 11.

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The “NAVATTs”, represented by 37 countries, visit American military installations and landmarks with the intent of achieving multi-national military and, ultimately, political harmony through education and social networking.

“What we’re doing is simply complying with the CNO’s (Chief of Naval Operations) Maritime Strategy,” Lemmons pointed out. “As ADM Roughead stated, ‘We prosper because of this system of exchange among nations.’ Today, we provided an exchange and today we edged closer to his vision.”

The tour was hosted by CAPT David J. Sheridan, Commanding Officer of CHOSIN. Sheridan presented the ship to the dignitaries on the pier and accompanied them on the tour. He described the functionality of the bridge, foc’sle, fantail, mess decks, wardroom, and Combat Information Center in the ship’s operations.

CHOSIN is currently moored at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, preparing for a summer of significant underway time – including an exercise called RIMPAC – where multi-national navies simulate naval engagements in 3rd fleet. It is another example of the Navy and CHOSIN doing their part to form an ironclad bond with the navies, militaries, and nations abroad.

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In this picture: LT Leonard Leos (left) answers questions about the fantail. (Photo taken by ENS Campbell)

Written by: ENS Daron Weber

Local Navy Recruits Get Taste of Navy Life

Young adults from Oahu visit USS CHOSIN, get rare opportunity to tour warship

PEARL HARBOR – When Fire Controlman Chief Petty Officer (SW) Bryce Pettengill was looking for a means of motivating his recruits, he knew bringing them to a renowned warship would be perfect. He chose one he is familiar with, one close to home, and one that he knew would motivate his recruits to a new level.

“It was a no-brainer for me,” said Pettengill, Recruiter-in-Charge of Navy Recruiting Station Kaneohe. “I had a lot of good years on CHOSIN and a lot of good memories.”

“I wanted to share my passion for surface life with them and get them excited.”

Pettengill was stationed onboard CHOSIN from 2005-2008, as the Leading Petty Officer of CM division, where weapons systems are maintained.

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In this picture: ENS Brianna Charbonneau shows a group of recruits the bridge on a tour 22 April onboard USS Chosin. (Photo by ENS Weber)

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The recruits varied in age from 18 to 26 and were from all over the island of Oahu. Their educational experience ranged from attending high school to nearly completed Bachelor's degree. But when they toured USS CHOSIN on 22 April, and were shown the areas of the ship that many of them will be working in, it was clear that their level of excitement increased equally. "I loved it," said Alden Silva, 20, of Bullit East High School, making reference to the tour of CHOSIN, "I am going to be an MA (Master-at-Arms), and I was able to talk to somebody who is one already. Being on a cruiser as an MA sounds cool."

Their rates were MA, Electrician's Mate, Aviation Structural Mechanic, Nuke, Corpsman, SEAL, and Aviation Electrician's Mate. Some of them will go to smaller ships like frigates or destroyers; larger ships like large deck amphibians or carriers; or even subs, squadrons, or shore duty. Regardless of where they are stationed, they will remember their tour of "War Dragon".

"I remember when I was close to their age and touring a warship like this at the Academy, how profound of an impact it made on me and how excited I got to get out to the fleet," said Ensign Brianna Charbonneau, a tour guide for the recruits who currently serves as the Admin Officer for CHOSIN. "They will remember this in whatever career route they take afterwards."

All of the recruits are in the delayed entry program, meaning they are signed up and waiting to be shipped out to basic training, located at Navy Training Command Great Lakes, located near Chicago in Great Lakes, IL.

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Written by: MC2 (SW) Potapenko

Building Blocks Set Between Japanese, U.S. Navy Heading Into RIMPAC

Crewmembers from each side exchange ships, set the stage for mammoth summer exercise



In this photo: (in black jackets from left to right) ENSs Quintana and Weber work with Japanese sailors aboard the JS Akebono on the bridge. (Photo taken by MC2 (SW) Potapenko)

PACIFIC OCEAN (June 17, 2010) – Seven sailors from Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force ships JS AKEBONO (DD 108) and JS ATAGO (DDG 117) visited USS CHOSIN (CG 65) Thursday as part of transit exercises in preparation for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010.

Japanese sailors spent the day observing life aboard CHOSIN, from sweepers to a main battery shoot, all the while paying particular attention to their corresponding workstations.

This experience gave sailors a chance to see how another ship, another navy operates and compare it to what they do, said Lieutenant Junior Grade Hieohiko Sato, the Assistant Missile Officer aboard JS ATAGO.

The shared experience of a personnel transfer not only helps the two navies understand each other's operations and practices, but also establishes a better relationship heading into RIMPAC 2010, believes Sato.

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“It is very important to be able to communicate with the US, and person to person contact will help establish good communication,” he said.

Such sentiment is shared by those in CHOSIN.

“The goal of these exchanges is to interact and build camaraderie with our counterparts from other navies participating in RIMPAC,” said Commander Karl Tenney, the Executive Officer in CHOSIN, “and as long as everyone comes back with renewed or gained appreciation for the Navies we sail alongside then it will be a success.”

“It’s important to recognize this with the different cultures coming together to execute the same mission,” said Tenney.

Thursday’s personnel exchange marks the second consecutive day that the Japanese and US ships provided sailors with an opportunity to visit a foreign vessel. On Wednesday, four CHOSIN junior officers spent the day experiencing joint tactical maneuvering and anti-surface warfare exercises from aboard ATAGO and AKEBONO, helping the Japanese break the language barrier by translating and explaining messages sent between the ships during the exercises.

“If it were possible, I would keep them longer,” said Commander Masayuki Nishimura, the commanding officer aboard Akebono said in reference to the sailors visiting his ship. “These are the building blocks for a great RIMPAC.”

RIMPAC 2010 will mark the 50th anniversary of the US-Japan Security Treaty signed in 1960.

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Written by: ENS Daron Weber

USS CHOSIN Embarks CSG-11 in Everett, Readies for RIMPAC

War Dragon becomes RDML Girrier's flagship for International Fleet Review, transit to Pearl Harbor



In this photo: CHOSIN sailors man the rails and render honors on 9June during International Fleet Review. (Photo taken by MC2 Mitchell)

VICTORIA, Can. – Kicking off a summer of significant underway time and numerous exercises, CHOSIN embarked Carrier Strike Group 11 staff members in Everett, Washington, on 8June to participate in International Fleet Review.

Ten countries represented by some 20 naval or coast guard vessels that carried more than 5,000 international sailors attended the Bicentennial Halifax International Fleet Review in Victoria, Canada. The sailors toured ships, mingled with other sailors, competed in sporting events, and explored the town. Participating countries were: United States, Canada, New Zealand, France, Australia, Japan, Brazil, Denmark, United Kingdom, and Germany.

“We really enjoyed our time in Canada and are delighted to have the Admiral and his staff onboard,” said War Dragon’s new executive officer,

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CDR Karl Tenney, who relieved CDR Steven Bienkowski of his duties the same day CSG11 staff embarked. “Now our focus is on a safe transit back to Hawaii and on RIMPAC.”

CHOSIN is dedicating nearly all of July to participate in the highly anticipated RIMPAC, (Rim of the Pacific Exercise). It is the world’s largest international maritime exercise, where navies from all over the Pacific region converge to simulate warfare.

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Right: CHOSIN sailors stand by the holiday Ensign to render honors



Left: OS3 Ginn stands at parade rest and Looks out on the harbor in Victoria at other ships



Written by: MC2 Vladimir Potapenko

USS CHOSIN Steams with Multi-National Ships to Hawaii

War Dragon travels with other ships to Pearl Harbor, prepares for RIMPAC



Lualualei, Hawaii (June 24, 2010) -- When USS CHOSIN (CG 65) pulled into Lualualei, Hawaii, on Thursday, it marked the end to a group sail that has brought ships representing Canada, France, Australia, Japan and the United States from the Canadian International Fleet Review in Victoria, British Columbia to the Hawaii Operating Area in preparation for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010.

Since departing Victoria on June 14th, ships participating in the group sail have coordinated together on exercises and training operations ranging from anti-surface warfare to group maneuvering, using these exercises as a means of establishing bonds and lines of communication.

“Developing relationships with and among the Sailors of the world leads to developing and building relationships with the peoples of the world,” said Lieutenant Commander Michael Gala, the Operations Officer in CHOSIN. “First hand relationships with the representatives from each of these countries only deepens an understanding of the sea going and war fighting tradition, and more recently the peace keeping tradition.”

And it is these bonds and lines of communication that will carry over into RIMPAC 2010.

“Working up to a running speed with any other group of motivated and gifted individuals requires at least a little practice and modicum. Sharing something like a centennial celebration with the Canadian Navy and then sharing time at sea provides the nesting time required before such a robust event,” said LCDR Gala.

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And it is this sense of cooperation and building towards the future that makes the group sail a success.

“Anytime we can get together and use the full range of events without losing life or limb, or creating any incident that causes shame or embarrassment to any nation is a success. It provides a stronger floor and broader shoulders upon which others may stand,” said Gala.

Yet the group sail was not only positive for the navies involved, it was also a richly memorable experience for the individual sailors who had a chance to take part.

“Opportunities to go on a foreign warship at-sea are rare. I had such an opportunity and won’t soon forget it,” said Ensign Daron Weber, the Food Service Officer in CHOSIN. Ensign Weber visited the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JDS AKEBONO (DD 108) as part of a personnel exchange conducted between CHOSIN and AKEBONO.

“One thing I’ve experienced in the Navy is that it is small. The same could be said for an international navy. We very well might never cross paths again, but our experience in the personnel transfer will help sailors on both sides in the future,” said ENS Weber.

Now in Hawaii, CHOSIN and her partnering ships switch focus from the group sail to RIMPAC.

RIMPAC is the world’s largest multinational maritime exercise, with 14 nations, 34 ships and over 20,000 personnel taking part this year. A biennial exercise, RIMPAC stresses the necessity of operational readiness in the Pacific and the sentiment that building relationships with our global partners ensures maritime freedom for all. 2010 marks the 22nd in a series of RIMPAC exercises conducted since 1971.

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Chaps' Corner

CHOSIN July 2010 Newsletter: Chaplain's Comments

This will be my last installment to the CHOSIN newsletter. My family and I are to PCS to Yokosuka, Japan in August. In times of transition, such as this, I have a tendency to look into the last season of my life and try to make sense of it all. I imagine that many of you do the same. I suspect we do this because we feel a need to comprehend the past in order to move on to what the future may hold. It's almost as if we are writing the story of our lives with our memories, and before we are ready to turn the page to the next chapter, we have to check to be sure that every "i" is dotted and every "t" crossed. I've been doing just that and have found that this chapter of my life was more challenging than most of the others. I'm not sure if I'll ever sort out how much of this was self-imposed and how much of it came from outside influences, but, one thing is for certain, what sailors do onboard Navy ships to keep them mission ready is demanding and arduous. As the command chaplain, I know perhaps more than most that this Navy life is also demanding and arduous to the families of sailors. To those of you who are handling this well, my hat's off to you. To those of you who are not, I believe that I and many others can identify with your struggle. I have yet to receive a grand epiphany that would make the time that I've invested on CHOSIN, and yours too for that matter, all make sense and fall into place. What gives me some degree of satisfaction is the knowledge that, no matter how important or insignificant our role may seem to be in the grand scheme of things, we can always take pride in what we do in service to others. The sacrifices that each of you make in order that life and military service may work out, matter to those whom we are serving, whether they know it or not.

I just read some apt advice from Michael J. Fox who, with his almost 20 year battle with Parkinson's disease, has been through more adversity than I ever hope to encounter. He says that he practices the disciplines of *acceptance* and *gratitude* on a daily basis. He knows that things aren't going to get any easier in his future, but he has decided to claim ownership of his attitude along the rest of his life's journey. In the future, if our paths ever again cross, I hope to be able to tell you that I have done the same.

Every Blessing,

Corey Thornton

LT, CHC, USN

The Cockpit

Written by LT Forrest French

DET 5 FLEET WEEK

Formed up and ready to go DET 5 departed Oahu on the first of June with the Chosin heading to Everett, Wa. On the way DET 5 executed week one work ups in weather that was less than appealing. Sometimes visibility was as low as a half mile and seas around twelve feet. DET 5 safely pressed on and executed HIFR, vertical replenishment, lost aircraft, downed aircraft and numerous other requirements flawlessly to complete week one workups.

Finally, with week one workups behind DET 5 everyone was looking forward to the up and coming fleet week. This would give DET 5 an opportunity to interact with many other countries such as Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan. First DET 5 and CHOSIN (CG 65) would make a stop into Everett, Washington for a one night stay and the first liberty of this underway period.

With the Everett in port period over CHOSIN moved on to pull into the highly anticipated Victoria, capital city of British Columbia, Canada. The second day some of DET 5 pilots had the privilege to participate in a dinner party with officers of all countries participating in Fleet week. This event was a great opportunity to increase international relations and learn about our allies. During the time in Victoria the CHOSIN (CG 65) pulled out one night to anchor for a 100th naval anniversary celebration and a pass and review in the morning. Even though this was a working in port period there was still plenty of time to explore Victoria and its beautiful country side. Some of DET 5 maintainers were able to visit family and have overnight liberty.

While pulling out of Victoria and transiting the straits of Juan De Fuca DET 5 executed a familiarization flight over Washington and Canada, which was an excellent farewell as the USS Chosin (CG65) and DET 5 began the transit back to Hawaii. During the transit home DET 5 was able to participate in multiple joint exercises including antisubmarine warfare operations, low slow flyer, and surface warfare operations.

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In this photo: Easy Rider 57 conducts flight operations over the Pacific Ocean. (Photo taken by MC2 Vladimir Potapenko)

OMBUDSMAN'S CIRCLE

Hurricane Season!

The resources listed below provide additional information about preparing yourself and your family for an emergency:

Operation Prepare (www.cnmc.navy.mil): Emergency planning information and tools for all Navy personnel.

Fleet & Family Support Center (www.ffsp.navy.mil): Programs and services to support sustained mission and Navy readiness.

NFAAS (<https://navyfamily.navy.mil>): Web-based accountability, assessment and recovery tool for disaster-affected Navy personnel and their families.

American Red Cross (www.redcross.org): Preparedness guides and information for home, school, work and community.

Ready.Gov (www.ready.gov): Information, checklists and printable forms to educate and empower Americans to prepare for various emergencies.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov): Tools and resources to ensure the health and safety of all Americans.

FEMA (www.fema.gov/plan): Offers information on the range of natural and manmade disasters and guidance for protecting families and their property.

Humane Society (www.hsus.org): Provides the necessary emergency preparedness resources to ensure the safety and protection of pets.

The AGS Foundation (www.healthinaging.org): Assists older adults with resources that address their special needs before, during and after a disaster.

Prepare Now (www.preparenow.org): Resource library that offers support to special needs, handi-capped, disabled and vulnerable populations affected by disasters.

The following supplies are recommended for a basic emergency kit.

It's also a good idea to create a **Go Kit**, a portable kit that can be stored in your car, at work or in case you must evacuate quickly.

- ❑ **Water** – at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days
- ❑ **Food** – nonperishable food for at least three days
- ❑ **Baby formula/food and supplies** – nonperishable baby food for at least three days, diapers, blankets, toys, bottles and pacifiers
- ❑ **Pet food** – nonperishable pet food for at least three days
- ❑ **Manual can opener and eating utensils**
- ❑ **First aid kit**
- ❑ **Prescription medications**
- ❑ **Dust masks**
- ❑ **Personal sanitation supplies** such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- ❑ **Flashlight**
- ❑ **Battery-powered or hand-crank all-hazards NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) radio**
- ❑ **Extra batteries**
- ❑ **Cash** in the local currency
- ❑ **Tools** to turn off utilities
- ❑ **Local maps**
- ❑ **Family emergency plan**
- ❑ **Command muster information**
- ❑ **Important documents** stored in portable and waterproof container

WELCOME ABOARD

New Dragons on the 65

I am **LCDR Michael Gala**, the Operations Officer

My nickname is **Mike**

I am from **Ridgewood, NJ**

I am coming from **USS STEPHEN W GROVES (FFG 29)**

I like **hiking, paddling, running, reading, and cooking and baking**

I listen to **Rock and Roll**

Martin Sheen would play me in a movie

I bet you didn't know that **I played in the Little League World Series for a team from Tulsa, OK**



I am **ENS Christopher Pisciotta**, the ADP Officer

I am also known as the **Cookie Monster**

I am from **North Bergen NJ**

I am coming from **Officer Candidate School Newport, RI**

I enjoy **long walks through nature and hiking**

I enjoy listening to **country, specifically Dixie Chicks and Tim McGraw**

Denzel Washington would play me in a movie

I bet you didn't know that **the best thing I ever created was my daughter (Orietta) with the help of my lovely wife Fanny!**

I am **SN Yasmin Rosa**, OD's newest member

I am also known as **Yaz**

I am from **Clermont, FL**

I am coming from **RTC Great Lakes, IL**

I enjoy **playing tennis**

I don't have a favorite band, but my favorite music artist is Pitbull and I like all music except for heavy metal rock.

Holly Marie Combs or Camilla Belle would play me in a movie

I bet you didn't know that **although I'm a very friendly and outgoing person, I have no special talents**



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Helpful Telephone Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance

Barbers Point	911
Civilian Areas	911
MCBH Kaneohe	257-9111/911
Pearl Harbor	471-7116/911
Schofield Barracks	433-8888/911
Tripler AMC	433-5700/911

Base Security

MCBH Kaneohe	257-2123/2124
Pearl Harbor	471-7114/911
NCTAMS Wahiawa	653-7114
Westloch	471-5141/911

Emergency Room

Tripler AMC	433-9403
	433-3706

Fire

Civilian Areas	911
Navy Housing	471-7117/911

Naval Medical Clinic

MCBH Kaneohe	257-2131
Pearl Harbor	473-1880

Poison Center

941-4411

Police

(Civilian) 911

Miscellaneous Numbers

Chaplains Offices

MCBH Kaneohe	257-3352
Pearl Harbor	473-3971
NCTAMS Wahiawa	653-5522

Childcare (Kidslane)

471-5437/3720

Tricare Information

473-4410x320

Family Advocacy

MCBH Kaneohe	257-7780
Pearl Harbor	471-9458
Schofield Brrks	433-8579
Tripler AMC	433-6606
Military Info	449-7110

MWR ITT Offices

MCBH Kaneohe	254-7563
Pearl Harbor	473-1190/0792

Navy Aloha Ctr 474-1903/1904

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS)

Pearl Harbor	423-1314
MCBH Kaneohe	254-1328/1327

PSD

Customer Service	471-2405x711
ID Cards	471-2405x710